## **REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed August 19, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 of the following groups:

Group I Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of making a 3-dimensional object, classified in class 427, subclass 427+; and

Group II Claims 34-41, drawn to a layered article, classified in class 428, subclass 300+.

The Examiner has also stated that Claims 12-33 are withdrawn from consideration because they are improper claims and do not fall under any of the statutory classes of invention of 35 U.S.C. 101, but that it appears that they would be grouped with Group II.

## **Election**

The Applicant hereby elects Group I, which includes claims 1-11. Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully disagrees that claims 12-33 are not proper subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101. However, because the Applicant has elected Group I, this point is believed to be moot with respect to the present response, and the substance of this will not be discussed herein. Further, it is the Applicant's understanding that claims 12-41 will be withdrawn from consideration, and only claims 1-11 will be prosecuted herein.

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains, and such impediment could be resolved during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the assignee's counsel, W. Bradley Haymond at (541) 715-0159, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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